

## House Resolution 1379

By: Representatives Buckner of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Dodson of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Barnes of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Heckstall of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Clayton County Juvenile Court on receiving the American Probation and  
2 Parole Association's President's Award for Best Practices; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Juvenile Court has received the American Probation and  
4 Parole Association's President's Award for Best Practices in recognition of its outstanding  
5 efforts to reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders; and

6 WHEREAS, this prestigious award is given annually to honor a jurisdiction that has  
7 developed proven practices that reduce recidivism and promote rehabilitation; and

8 WHEREAS, Clayton County Juvenile Court's FAST-START Program has reduced the repeat  
9 offense rate of juvenile probationers by 50 percent since 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, this comprehensive program aims to target offenders at high risk for recidivism  
11 and to focus resources and supervision on youth who are most prone to commit serious  
12 crimes; and

13 WHEREAS, in further recognition of the court's inspirational success, Judges Steve Teske,  
14 K. Van Banke, and Tracy Graham were invited to present a workshop on the Clayton County  
15 Juvenile Court's innovative approaches to reducing recidivism among juvenile probationers;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, all Georgians owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Clayton County  
18 Juvenile Court, whose laudable work has helped to secure a brighter future for many of our  
19 state's most troubled youth.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body join in commending the Clayton County Juvenile Court on

1 receiving this inestimable honor and thank the court for its invaluable contributions to the  
2 welfare of the young people of Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County Juvenile  
5 Court.